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SUBJECT: US INITIATIVE TO MERGE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR
VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND UN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

REF: STATE 173754

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON RICHARD GAECHTER (CHIEF OF SECTION FOR MULTI-

LATERAL AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION

AND ON MISS ERIKA SCHAUB ON MAX GRECO'S STAFF TO DISCUSS
SUBJECT MATTER. THEY STATED THAT "IN PRINCIPLE" THEY WERE NOT

OPPOSED TO INITIATIVE SEEKING MERGER OF ISVS AND UNV PROGRAM

AND WERE QUITE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THE ISSUE.

THEY FULLY AGREED THAT DUPLICATION OF EFFORT
WAS NOT DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, THEY FEEL THAT THERE WERE

NUMBER OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS WHICH UNV WOULD HAVE TO
CLARIFY RE HOW MERGED PROGRAM WOULD WORK OUT.

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2. SPECIFICALLY,

GAECHTER AND SCHAUB INTERESTED IN KNOW-
ING BUDGET EFFECT OF UNV TAKING OVER RECRUITMENT OF
VOLUNTEERS AND WHETHER UNV WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSUME
TRAINING FUNCTION FOR VOLUNTEERS. THEY ALSO FELT THERE
WAS SOME VALIDITY TO CONCERNS VOICED IN PAST BY ISVS THAT
IDEALISM OF VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE LOST IN UN OPERATION AND
THAT UNDP MIGHT VIEW UNV AS RECRUITING GROUND FOR ITS
PERSONNEL.

3. DESPITE THESE RESERVATIONS, GAECHTER AND SCHAUB
INDICATED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN STRATEGY SESSION
PRIOR TO ISVS COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER, IF SUCH IS TO BE
HELD.
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